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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Richard Lee

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 June 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 53-84 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 53,55-57,59,61,63,65,67 and 69-84 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 54, 58, 60, 62, 64, 66, 68 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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1. The request filed on June 29, 2004 for a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is acceptable and a RCE has been established. An action on the RCE follows.

2. Claims 54, 56, 58, 60, 62, 64, 66, and 68 are objected to because of the following informalities:

At claim 54, line 26, before "i + p", "(" should be inserted for clarity.

Appropriate correction is required.

3. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

4. Claim 56 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

The Specification does not provide support for the equations $uT(x+w)$, $vT(x+w)$, $uB(x+w)$, $vB(x+w)$, $u(x+w, y+w)$, $v(x+w, y+w)$ as claimed in claim 56, lines 9-12, lines 19-20, lines 24-27.

At page 20 of the amendment filed May 26, 2004 the applicant has indicated that amendments were made to claim 56 to conform with the disclosure of the invention contained therein and the discussion of the present invention on page 24, lines 10-23 of the present application. The Examiner believes that the applicant had intended to make reference to page 25, lines 10-23 instead. The Examiner nevertheless has reviewed both pages 24 and 25 as well

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as other sections of the Specification thoroughly, but cannot find the adequate support for the claimed equations.

5. Claims 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65, 67, and 69-84 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

At claim 53, line 33, "x + y" should be changed to "x + w" in order to provide proper antecedent basis for the same as specified at line 28.

6. Claims 54, 58, 60, 62, 64, 66, and 68 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the objection(s) set forth in this Office action.

7. Claims 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65, 67, and 69-84 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

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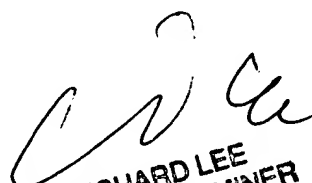
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9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Richard Lee whose telephone number is (703) 308-6612. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m, with alternate Fridays off.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group customer service whose telephone number is (703) 306-0377.


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